



# SPHECIDAE (HYMENOPTERA: APOIDEA) OF RIO DE JANEIRO STATE (SOUTHEASTERN BRAZIL): INVENTORY OF SPECIES AND NOTES ON BIOLOGY AND DISTRIBUTION <sup>1</sup>

(With 1 figure)

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**ABSTRACT:** An inventory of the Sphecidae (*sensu stricto*) of the Atlantic Forest in Rio de Janeiro State is presented, with remarks on distribution. The published observations on biology of Sphecidae made in Rio de Janeiro State are compiled and original biological notes are provided for *Ammophila gracilis*, *Sphex ingens*, *Sphex opacus*, *Penepodium luteipenne*, and *Sceliphron fistularium*. The study is based on the examination of the entomological collection of the Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, and on biological observations carried out in several places of the Rio de Janeiro State.

**Key words:** Wasp. Biodiversity. Atlantic forest. Distribution. Biology. Behaviour.

**RESUMO:** Sphecidae (Hymenoptera: Apoidea) no Estado do Rio de Janeiro (Sudeste do Brasil): inventário de espécies e notas sobre biologia e distribuição.

Um inventário dos Sphecidae (*sensu stricto*) da Mata Atlântica no Estado do Rio de Janeiro é apresentado, com comentários sobre distribuição. As observações publicadas sobre biologia de Sphecidae feitas no Estado do Rio de Janeiro são compiladas e notas biológicas originais sobre *Ammophila gracilis*, *Sphex ingens*, *Sphex opacus*, *Penepodium luteipenne* e *Sceliphron fistularium* são fornecidas. O estudo é baseado no exame da coleção entomológica do Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, e em observações biológicas feitas em várias localidades no Estado do Rio de Janeiro.

**Palavras-chave:** Vespa. Biodiversidade. Mata Atlântica. Distribuição. Biologia. Comportamento.

## INTRODUCTION

Sphecidae (*sensu stricto*) is a world-wide distributed family of solitary wasps with 19 genera and approximately 730 species (PULAWSKI, 2008). The major reference on this family is the comprehensive book by BOHART & MENKE (1976), which must be updated with the on-line catalog by PULAWSKI (2008). Besides these, the synonymic catalog by AMARANTE (2002; 2005) is a basic reference on the classifications and distribution of Neotropical Sphecidae.

The Rio de Janeiro State (Southeastern Brazil) is entirely included in the mega-diverse Atlantic Forest biome and has a great physiognomic diversity provided by two mountain chains (Serra dos Órgãos and Serra do Mar), one of which reaches almost 3.000m in maximum altitude, and a large costal area with a peculiar savanna-like vegetation called "restinga". Aiming to contribute to the knowledge on the hymenopteran fauna from Brazilian Atlantic forest, an inventory of the species of Sphecidae found in Rio de Janeiro State is herein presented and their distribution is discussed. The published observations on biology of Sphecidae made in Rio

de Janeiro State are compiled and original biological notes are provided, emphasising habitat, soil used to nest, prey and parasitoids.

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## MATERIAL AND METHODS

The present study is based on the examination of the Hymenoptera collection of the Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (MNRJ), and on biological observations carried out from 1995 to 2005 in the following places: Reserva Biológica de Poços das Antas (Silva Jardim); Restinga de Barra de Maricá (Maricá); Parque Estadual da Serra da Tiririca (Niterói); Cafubá (Niterói); Ilha Grande (Angra dos Reis); Parque Natural Municipal de Grumari (Rio de Janeiro); Parque Nacional da Tijuca (Rio de Janeiro). Voucher specimens for the present biological observations, including specimens of prey and parasitoids, have been deposited in the Hymenoptera collection of the MNRJ.

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## RESULTS

## Tribe Ammophilini

Genus *Ammophila* Kirby, 1798

*Ammophila gracilis* Lepeletier de Saint-Fergeau, 1845  
BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Angra dos Reis, 1 ♀, H.S.Lopes, 01/IV/1972; (Ilha Grande), 1 ♀, S.Buys, 16/V/2002; Duque de Caxias (Imbariê), 1 ♀, F.M.Oliveira, V/1955; (São Bento), 2 ♀, P.A.Teles, VIII/1953; 1 ♂, A.Teles, XII/1954; Maricá (Restinga de Barra de Maricá), 1 ♀, S.Buys and C.Andrade, 12/XI/2000; 1 ♀, S.Buys, 15/VI/2000; 1 ♀, S.Buys, 30/IX/2000; Niterói (Cafubá), 2 ♀ 2 ♂, S.Buys, I/2005; (Colubandê), 2 ♀ 3 ♂, R.Arlé, XI/1955; (Imbuí), 1 ♂, R.Arlé, 03/X/1934; (Jurujuba), 3 ♀; Nova Friburgo, 1 ♂, S.Lopes, 26/IV/1937; Petrópolis, 1 ♀, D'Albuquerque, II-III/1958; Rio de Janeiro, 1 ♂; 2 ♀ 3 ♂, R.Arlé (Floresta da Tijuca, Sumaré), 2 ♀, VIII/1935; 1 ♀, R.Arlé; (Grumari), 1 ♀, S.Buys, XI/2002; (Guaratiba), 2 ♂, J.H.Guimarães, XII/1955; 2 ♀, J.H.Guimarães, 01/I/1956; (Jacarepaguá, Represa de Camorim), 1 ♂, 19/VI/1954; (Jardim Botânico), 1 ♀, H.S.Lopes, I/1934; 1 ♂, H.S.Lopes, VII/1936; (Serra de Realengo), 1 ♀, R.Arlé, 07/X/1934; (Tijuca), 1 ♀, Moure and Seabra, II/1955; Seropédica (BR 465, Km 47), 1 ♀, D.Mendes, 20/V/1944; 1 ♀, D.Mendes, 12/III/1949; 1 ♀, J.Miranda, 25/VI/1946; 2 ♀ 8 ♂, W.Zikán, 06/X/1947; 1 ♀, W.Zikán, 13/V/1951; Silva Jardim (Reserva Biológica de Poço das Antas), 1 ♀, S.Buys, 24/X/2002.

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State.

Remarks – Species commonly found in Rio de Janeiro State and widespread in Serra dos Órgãos, Serra do Mar, and coastal plains. In the MNRJ collection there is a pinned female collected by P.A. Telles in the city of Duque de Caxias with unidentified specimens of Stylopidae (Strepsitera) as parasitoid in the gaster; and another female collected by D. Mendes in city of Seropédica labelled with the information that it was observed carrying a larval Geometridae (Lepidoptera). Stylopids have been rarely recorded as parasitoid of Neotropical sphecids, but this is possibly due to the lack of biological studies. Stylopisation was recorded in other *Ammophila* species by DE BEAUMONT (1955). GAIMARI & MARTINS (1996) presented observations on the biology of this species in Minas Gerais State. New observations are provided as follows: (1) Restinga de Barra de Maricá – This area was visited every month from January 2001 to March 2002 and nesting activity was observed in all seasons of the year, but it seemed greater in the summer. Females dug their nests in

soil composed of clay and sand, and commonly visited flowers of *Borreria* sp. (Rubiaceae). (2) Reserva Biológica de Poço das Antas – Females nested in compacted clay soil of unpaved roads crossing forested areas. (3) Ilha Grande – One female was observed nesting in the sandy soil of the upper portion of a beach adjacent to a forested area. (4) Cafubá – Several females were found nesting in soil composed of clay and sand and visiting flowers of *Indigofera hirsuta* Linnaeus (Fabaceae) and two unidentified Asteraceae.

Genus *Eremnophila* Menke, 1964*Eremnophila binodis* (Fabricius, 1798)

BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Duque de Caxias (São Bento), 1 ♂, P.A.Teles, XI/1963; Nova Friburgo, 1 ♀ 2 ♂, Mello Leitão, II/1932; 2 ♂, 1933; Petrópolis (Taquara), 1 ♀, H.S.Lopes, 11/VI/1972; São Francisco de Itabapoana (Barra de Itabapoana), 1 ♂, M.Rosa, X-XI/1935; Silva Jardim (Reserva Biológica de Poço das Antas), 1 ♀, S.Buys, 29/XI/2001.

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – BUYS (1999): Silva Jardim (Reserva Biológica de Poço das Antas); AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State.

Remarks – BUYS (1999) published the only note on the biology of *E. binodis*, based on a female that was nesting in the compacted clay soil of an unpaved road crossing a forested area in the Reserva Biológica de Poço das Antas. A notodontid caterpillar (Lepidoptera) was found as prey; females were commonly observed visiting flowers of *Borreria* sp. (Rubiaceae).

*Eremnophila eximia* (Lepeletier, 1845)

BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Duque de Caxias (São Bento), 1 ♀, P.A.Teles, I/1954; Itatiaia (Montserrat surroundings), 1 ♀, Bruno Lobo, 2/III/1921; Seropédica (BR 465, Km 47), 1 ♀ 1 ♂, B.Ramos, 28/II/1945; 1 ♂; W.Zikán; 1 ♀, XII/1953; W.Zikán, XII/1954.

*Eremnophila melanaria* (Dahlbom, 1843)

BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Cachoeiras de Macacu (Boca do Mato), 1 ♀ 1 ♂, M.Rosa; Nova Friburgo, 1 ♀ 1 ♂, C.F.Mello Leitão, II/1952; Itatiaia, 1 ♀ 1 ♂, W.Zikán, 16/V/1950; (Montserrat), 1 ♂, Bruno Lobo, 2/III/1921; Petrópolis, 1 ♀, I/1935; 1 ♀, D'Albuquerque, II-III/1958; (Alto Mosela, Le Vallon), 2 ♂, Dalcy, III/1957; 1 ♂, D'Albuquerque, 24/I-23/II/1956; (Represa de Caxambu), 1 ♀, R.Arlé, IV/1935; Rio de Janeiro (Floresta da Tijuca), 1 ♂, C.A.Campos Seabra, III/1951; 1 ♀, C.A.Campos Seabra, 2/II/1952; 1 ♀, C.A.Campos Seabra, 31/I/1953; (Tijuca), 1 ♂, A.M.Ribeiro and C.Moreira; (Jacarepaguá), 1 ♂, Newton Santos, 02/III/1953; Teresópolis, 1 ♀, J.Jurberg and P.Melo, II/1972.

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State.

*Eremnophila opulenta* (Guérin-Méneville, 1838)  
BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Niterói (Morro do Cavalão), 1♂, R.Arlé; Rio de Janeiro (Corcovado), 1♀, Alvarenga and Seabra, XI/1958.

Tribe Sphecini

Genus *Prionyx* Linden, 1827

*Prionyx bifoveolatus* (Taschenberg, 1869)  
BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Nova Friburgo (Sítio Bonfim), 1♀, Wygodzisky, 08/XI/1948; Petrópolis, 1♀ 1♂, R.Arlé; 1♀, R.Arlé, 1975; 1♂, D'Albuquerque, II-III/1958; (Alto da Mosela, 1200m), 1♂, Newton Santos, 21/III/1953; Teresópolis, 1♂, R.P.Mello and J.Jurberg, II/1972.

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – TASCHEBERG (1869): Nova Friburgo (type-locality).

*Prionyx fervens* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Macaé (Parque Nacional da Restinga de Jurubatiba), 1♀, S.Buys, 10/IX/2002; Rio de Janeiro, 1♂; (Guaratiba), 1♀, J.H.Guimarães, XII/1955; (Canal das Tachas), 1♀, N.Santos, 22/VII/1961; (Pedra de Itaúna), 1♀, L.Otero, II/1981; (Jacarepaguá), 2♀, Newton Santos, 04/V/1940; 1♀, Newton Santos, 21/III/1953.

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State; BUYS (2006a): Macaé (Parque Nacional da Restinga de Jurubatiba). Remarks – WILLINK (1951) summarized short biological notes on this species and EVANS (1958) published more detailed observations made in Central America. BUYS (2006a) observed a female in the surroundings of the Parque Nacional da Restinga de Jurubatiba (Macaé) nesting in soil composed by sand, clay, and sea shell fragments, near a beach in an area covered with restinga vegetation. *Schistocerca cancellata* (Serville, 1838) (Orthoptera: Acrididae) was recorded as prey.

*Prionyx thomae* (Fabricius, 1775)  
BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Duque de Caxias (São Bento), 1♂, A.Teles, 20/VI/1954; 1♀, A.Teles, 30/V/1954; Macaé (Parque Nacional da Restinga de Jurubatiba), 1♀, S.Buys, 12/V/2002; Maricá (Restinga de Barra de Maricá), 1♀, S.Buys, 25/V/2000; 1♀, S.Buys, 14/X/2001; Itatiaia (Fazenda Penedo, 1000m), 1♀, Araújo, 27/X/1942; Rio de Janeiro, 1♂, R.Arlé; (Floresta da Tijuca, Sumaré), 1♂, C.A.C.Seabra, IV/1954; 1♀, R.Arlé, 25/VIII/1933; (Grumari), 1♀, S.Buys, XI/2002; (Ilha do Governador), 1♂, R.Arlé; (Jacarepaguá, Itapeba), 1♀, 1937; (Marechal Deodoro), 1♀, W.Zikán, 13/II/1936;

Seropédica (BR 465, Km 47), 1♀, W.Zikán, 24/V/1948; Silva Jardim (Reserva Biológica de Poço das Antas), 1♀ 1♂, S.Buys, 22/VIII/2002; 1♀, S.Buys, 26/III/2003; 1♀, S.Buys, VI/2003.

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State.

Genus *Isodontia* Patton, 1880

*Isodontia costipennis* (Spinola, 1851)  
BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Itatiaia (700m), 1♀, W.Zikán, 05/1951.

*Isodontia cyanipennis* (Fabricius, 1793)  
Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – WILLINK [1951, as *I. nigrocoerulea* Taschenberg (1869)]: Itatiaia; AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State.

Genus *Sphex* Linnaeus, 1758

*Sphex brasiliensis* de Saussure, 1867  
Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – DE SAUSSURE (1867): Rio de Janeiro (type-locality); AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State.

*Sphex caliginosus* Erichson, 1849  
BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Itatiaia (700m), 1♂, W.Zikán, V/1951; Niterói (Morro do Cavalão), 1♂, R.Arlé, V/1933; Rio Bonito (Embaú), 1♀, L.Otero, I/1982; Rio de Janeiro (Floresta da Tijuca), 1♂, C.A.C.Seabra, III/1954; (Jacarepaguá), 1♀, Newton Santos, IV/1940; (Marechal Deodoro), 1♂, W.Zikán, 20/V/1936.

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – WILLINK (1951): Rio de Janeiro State; AMARANTE (2002). Remarks – A pinned female in the MNRJ collection from the city of Rio Bonito (Embaú) collected by L. Otero has a label saying that it had hunted four specimens of Tettigoniidae (Orthoptera).

*Sphex dorsalis* Lepelletier, 1845  
BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Duque de Caxias (São Bento), 1♀, P.A.Teles, I/1954; 1♀, P.A.Teles, II/1954; 1♀, P.A.Teles, 16/V/1954; Niterói (Cafubá), 1♀, S.Buys, II/2001; (Itaipú), 3♂, J.C.M.Carvalho, 30/X/1960; (Jurujuba), 1♂; Nova Iguaçu (Sarapuí), 2♀; Maricá (Restinga de Barra de Maricá), 1♀, S.Buys, 13/II/2001; Petrópolis (Bairro Pedro do Rio), 2♀, C.A.C.Seabra, III/1954; Rio de Janeiro, 4♀ 1♂, R.Arlé; 1♂, V.D'Anniballe, 23/II/1936; (Bonsucesso), 1♀; (Floresta da Tijuca), 1♀, C.A.C.Seabra, III/1954; (Guaratiba), 2♀ 1♂, J.Guimarães, XII/1955; 1♂, J.Guimarães, I/1956; (Inhaúma), 1♀, Newton Santos, V/1967; Seropédica (Km 47, BR 465), 1♀, IV/1943; 1♀, I.G.Nunes, 1960.

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – TASCHENBERG (1869, as *S. micans* Taschenberg, 1869): Rio de Janeiro; BUYS (2008): Restinga de Barra de Maricá (Maricá).

Remarks – GENISE (1980) published behavioural notes on *S. dorsalis* based on two females from Argentina. BUYS (2008) added new biological aspects for this species, based on specimens observed in Restinga de Barra de Maricá. This paper emphasizes a female defensive vigilant behaviour of the nests. Herein the following observations are provided: (1) Restinga de Barra de Maricá – Solitary nesting females were observed in open sites digging in clay soil. Nesting was observed only in the summer, although this place has been visited every month from January 2001 to March 2002. Remarkably, nesting activity of the congeneric *S. opacus* was observed in the same place only in the coldest month of the year. (2) Cafubá – Several females were gregariously nesting during the summer in the soil composed of clay and sand, an unidentified tettigoniid (Orthoptera) was observed as prey. (3) Parque Estadual da Serra da Tiririca – One female was digging a burrow in the hard compact clay soil of a trail, in a forested area at a place exposed to the sun.

*Sphex ichneumoneus* (Linnaeus, 1758)

BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Itatiaia (700m), 1♂, J.F.Zikán, 06/VI/1947; 1♀ 2♂, W.Zikán, V/1951; Mangaratiba (Ilha de Itacuruçá, Águas Lindas), Heber, 23/XII/1961; Rio de Janeiro, 1♀ 1♂, R.Arlé; (Corcovado, Paineiras), 1♀, XI/1933; (Marechal Deodoro), 1♀, W.Zikán, 22/II/1937.

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – TEMPLETON [1841, as *Sphex aurocapilus* Templeton, 1841 (type locality)]: Rio de Janeiro; (VON HEYDEN, 1867, as *S. aurocapilus*): Rio de Janeiro State; AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State.

Remarks – Several observations on the biology of *S. ichneumoneus* from North America were published, but almost nothing from specimens of the Neotropical Region. TEMPLETON (1841) and VON HEYDEN (1867) reported *S. ichneumoneus* (as *S. aurocapilus*) parasitized by *Paraxenos westwoodi* (Templeton, 1841) (Strepsiptera: Stylopidae) in Rio de Janeiro State. In the MNRJ collection there is a pinned female, collected by Heber in the city of Mangaratiba, with an unidentified immature Tettigoniidae (Orthoptera) and labelled that it had hunted that katydid and had introduced it into the burrow.

*Sphex ingens* Smith, 1856

BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Angra dos Reis (Ilha Grande), 1♀, T.Branquinho, VIII/2002; (Japuiba), 2♂, Mario Ventel, I/1936; (Japuiba, Travessa Oiticica),

1♂, I/1935; Nova Iguaçu (Tinguá), 3♂, Bráulio, II/1947; 1♀ 1♂, Dalcy; Itaipuaçu, 1♀, XI/1961; Rio de Janeiro (Barra da Tijuca, restinga), 1♀, H.Schubart, 2/XI/1964; Silva Jardim (Reserva Biológica de Poço das Antas), 1♀, S.Buys, II/1995.

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State.

Remarks – Nothing was previously published on the biology of this species. The following observations are presented: (1) Reserva Biológica de Poço das Antas – A nesting colony was found in a same site of an unpaved road in three consecutive summers. This site was exposed to the sun, without litter or low vegetation. In order to dig the nest, the females crust the soil with the mandibles and throw the earth backwards beneath the body with the forelegs, similarly to other species of *Sphex* (see BOHART & MENKE, 1976; GENISE, 1980). When a female crusts the soil, she emits a buzzing sound audible as far as 3m from the wasp. The perpendicular central burrow of one observed nest was 2cm in diameter. Copulating wasps were often seen on the ground near the nests. Apparently the males of *S. ingens* remain near to active nests to guarantee the copulation. Similar behaviour was observed in males of a few other species of the genus, as *S. cognatus* Smith, 1856 (RIBI & RIBI, 1979), *S. tepanecus* Saussure, 1867 (GILLASPY, 1962), and *S. latreillei* (Lepelletier, 1831) (CHIAPPA, 1996). The females preyed on Tettigoniidae (Orthoptera). (2) Parque Nacional da Tijuca – a colony of nesting females was found in a shadow place in the hard floor of an abandoned human habitation. Interestingly, the habit of nesting in the floor of houses was previously reported at least in four species of *Sphex* (GENISE, 1980), but apparently has not been observed in related genera of Sphecidae. (3) Ilha Grande – a nesting colony was observed in compacted soil composed of clay and sand, near a beach.

*Sphex latro* Erichson, 1849

BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Rio de Janeiro (Floresta da Tijuca), 1♀, C.A.C.Seabra, I/1954; idem, 1♀, C.A.C.Seabra, II/1954.

*Sphex melanopus* Dahlbom, 1843

BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Duque de Caxias (São Bento), 1♀, P.A.Teles, I/1954; 1♂, P.A.Teles, XII/1954; Niterói (Morro do Cavalão), 1♀, 16/III/1947; Rio de Janeiro, 1♀ 3♂, R.Arlé; (Floresta da Tijuca), 1♀, C.A.C.Seabra, II/1950; Seropédica (BR 465, Km 47), 1♀, D.Mendes, 03/XII/1942; 1♂, Neto, 13/III/1944; 1♂, P.Wygodzinsky, 18/I/1943; 1♂, W.Zikán, 15/VII/1949; 1♀, W.Zikán, 08/III/1954.

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State.

*Sphex nitidiventris* Spinola, 1851

BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Rio de Janeiro (Jacarepaguá, Represa dos Ciganos), 1♀, I/1968.

*Sphex opacus* Dahlbom, 1845

BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Araruama, 1♀, H.Schubart, 03/II/1961; Duque de Caxias, 1♂, A.Teles, I/1954; Maricá (Restinga de Barra de Maricá), 1♀, S.Buys, 15/VI/2000; Seropédica (BR 465, Km 47), 1♀ 1♂, Zikán, 03/VII/1947; Rio de Janeiro (Guaratiba), 1♀, J.H.Guimarães, XII/1955; (Sumaré), 1♀, R.Arlé, 13/VI/1933; Silva Jardim (Reserva Biológica de Poço das Antas), 1♀, S.Buys, 25/IX/2001.

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – BUYS (2005): Maricá (Restinga de Barra de Maricá). Remarks – BUYS (2005) published on the nesting biology of this species based on females found in Restinga de Barra de Maricá (Maricá). The females nested in soil composed of clay and sand, hunted on Tettigoniidae (Orthoptera), and visited flowers of *Borreria* sp. (Rubiaceae). Herein another observation is provided: Restinga de Barra de Maricá – one nest containing two larvae of a non-identified species of *Ormia* (Diptera: Tachinidae) was found. Because species of *Ormia* are known as parasitoids of orthopteroid insects (Enio Nuñez, pers. comm.), the wasp probably hunted preys already parasitized. See also remarks under *S. dorsalis*.

*Sphex servillei* Lepeletier, 1843

BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Nova Friburgo, 1♀, S.Lopes, 27/IV/1937; Rio de Janeiro (Floresta da Tijuca), 1♀, C.A.C.Seabra, I/1964.

## Tribe Sceliphirini

## Subtribe Podiina

Genus *Dynatus* Lepeletier, 1845*Dynatus nigripes spinolae* (Lepeletier, 1845)

BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Rio de Janeiro (Gávea), 1♂, E.May, I/1925.

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – DE SAUSSURE (1867): Rio de Janeiro State; BOHART & MENKE (1976:94): Rio de Janeiro State; AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State.

Genus *Penepodium* Menke, 1976*Penepodium fumipenne* (Taschenberg, 1869)

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State.

*Penepodium latro* (Kohl, 1902)

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – BUYS (2006b): Angra dos Reis (Ilha Grande, Vila do Abraão).

Remarks – BUYS (2006b) published on the biology of this species based on a nesting female collected in a forested area in Angra dos Reis (Ilha Grande, Vila do Abraão) next to the beach. An adult *Poeciloderrhis* sp. (Blattodea: Blaberidae) was found as prey.

*Penepodium luteipenne* (Fabricius, 1804)

BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Niterói (Parque Estadual da Serra da Tiririca), 1♀, S.Buys; Petrópolis, 1♀, Borgmeier, III/1929; Silva Jardim (Reserva Biológica de Poço das Antas) S.Buys, 2♀, I/1996. Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – TASCHEBERG (1869): Nova Friburgo; WILLIAMS (1928): Niterói; BUYS (2001; 2009): Silva Jardim (Reserva Biológica de Poço das Antas).

Remarks – WILLIAMS (1928) studied the biology of this species and found nesting females in shaded trail in a forested area in the city of Niterói (RJ) (as *P. dubium* Taschenberg, 1869). BUYS (2009) observed females in the Biological Reserve of Poço das Antas (Silva Jardim) digging unicellular nests in the hardly compacted clay soil of unpaved roads that cross forested areas and reported *Poeciloderrhis basistriga* (Walker, 1868) and *Poeciloderrhis catharina* (Shelford, 1910) (Blattodea: Blaberidae) as prey. The following observations are herein added: Parque Estadual da Serra da Tiririca – Several nesting females were observed in hardly compacted clay soil. Two nests were examined: one nest 4.5cm deep contained an adult of *P. basistriga* and a similar nest contained two adults of *P. catharina*.

*Penepodium spretum* (Kohl, 1902)

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State.

*Penepodium taschenbergi* (Kohl, 1902)

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – KOHL (1902): Nova Friburgo (type locality); AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State.

Genus *Podium* Fabricius, 1904*Podium sexdentatum* Taschenberg, 1869

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State. TASCHEBERG (1869): Nova Friburgo (type locality); AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State.

Genus *Trigonopsis* Perty, 1833*Trigonopsis rufiventris* (Fabricius, 1804)

BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Rio de Janeiro, 1♀; R.Arlé; (Floresta da Tijuca), 3♀, R.Arlé, VI/1933. Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – ARLÉ (1933): city of Rio de Janeiro (Floresta da Tijuca); VARDY (1978): Niterói; AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State.

Remarks – This species is widely distributed in South America, but it is rarely observed in the Rio de Janeiro State. ARLÉ (1933) published observations on specimens from the Parque Nacional da Floresta da Tijuca (city of Rio de Janeiro) in a forested area.

Subtribe Sceliphrina  
Genus *Sceliphron* Klug, 1801

*Sceliphron asiaticum* (Linnaeus, 1758)

BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Iguaba Grande, 1♀, E.Oliveira, XI/2006; Itatiaia (1.400m), 2♀, W.Zikán, 02/I/1954; Niterói, 1♀, R.Arlé, IX/1935; Rio de Janeiro (Copacabana), 1♂; (Manguinhos), 1♀ 1♂ (pinned together and labelled that they were in copulation), 08/XII/1935; (Quinta da Boa Vista), 1♀ 1♂; Seropédica (BR 465, Km 47), 1♀, P.Wygodzinsky, 03/I/1944; 1♀ 1♂ (pinned together), D.Mendes, 07/XII/1944; 1♀, Miranda, 22/I/1946; 1♀ 1♂ (pinned together), D.Mendes; 2♀ 1♂, D.Mendes, I/1942; 1♂, P.Wygodzinsky, 25/II/1944; 1♀, Wygodzisky, 20/I/1943; 1♀ 1♂, 27/IX/1944; 1♀, P.Wygodzinsky, 15/I/1943.

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State.

*Sceliphron fistularium* (Dahlbom, 1843)

BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, Iguaba Grande, 2♂, E.Oliveira, XI/2004; 1♀, E.Oliveira, XI/2006; Itatiaia, 1♀ 2♂, W.Zikán, 16/VIII/1935; 1♀, Wygodzisky, III/1942; Niterói (Morro do Cavalão), 1♀, V/1933; Rio de Janeiro, 2♀ 2♂, Teixeira, 03/II/1940; 1♂, Teixeira, 07/XI/1940; 1♀ 1♂, R.Arlé; 2♀ 1♂, D.Mendes; 1♂, C.Lacerda, X/1924; 1♀ 3♂, C.Moreira, XII/1927; (Corcovado), 1♂, Alvarenga and Seabra, XI/1958; (Floresta da Tijuca), 1♀, C.A.Campos Seabra, III/1949; (Jacarepaguá), 1♀, N.Santos, 04/V/1940; 1♀, D.Mendes, III/1953; (Marechal Deodoro), 2♀ 1♂, Zikán, 16/VIII/1935; 2♀ 1♂, W.Zikán, 16/VIII/1935; (Represa dos Ciganos), 1♀, R.Arlé, 17/I/1948; Seropédica (BR 465, Km 47), 1♀, D.Mendes, III/1942; 3♀ 2♂, D.Mendes, I/1956; 1♀, D.Mendes, IX/1956; 1♂, C.A.Zikán, 24/IX/1954; 1♀, Wygodzisky, IV/1943; Teresópolis, 1♀, C.Moreira.

Previous literature records in Rio de Janeiro State – VAN DER VECHT & VAN BREUGEL (1968): city of Rio de Janeiro (Corcovado); AMARANTE (2002): Rio de Janeiro State.

Remarks – There are several papers on the biology of this species (e.g. BODKIN, 1918; FREEMAN, 1982; CAMILO, 2002), which is frequently found in forested areas, restingas, and urban environments. Females commonly construct their mud nests attached to walls or windows of human habitations. Herein some

biological notes are presented, as follows: (1) Reserva Biológica de Poço da Antas – One mud nest was found attached to a small herbaceous plant, bearing two specimens of *Macrosiagon* sp. (Coleoptera: Ripiphoridae) as parasitoids. (2) Ilha Grande – The following species of Araneidae spiders were found as prey: *Metepeira* sp., *Alpaida* sp., *Araneus workmani* (Keyserling, 1884), *Araneus vincibilis* (Keyserling, 1893). Moreover, *Amobia floridensis* (Townsend) (Diptera: Sarcophagidae) and *Anthrax oedipus oedipus* Fabricius (Diptera: Bombyliidae) were found as parasitoids.

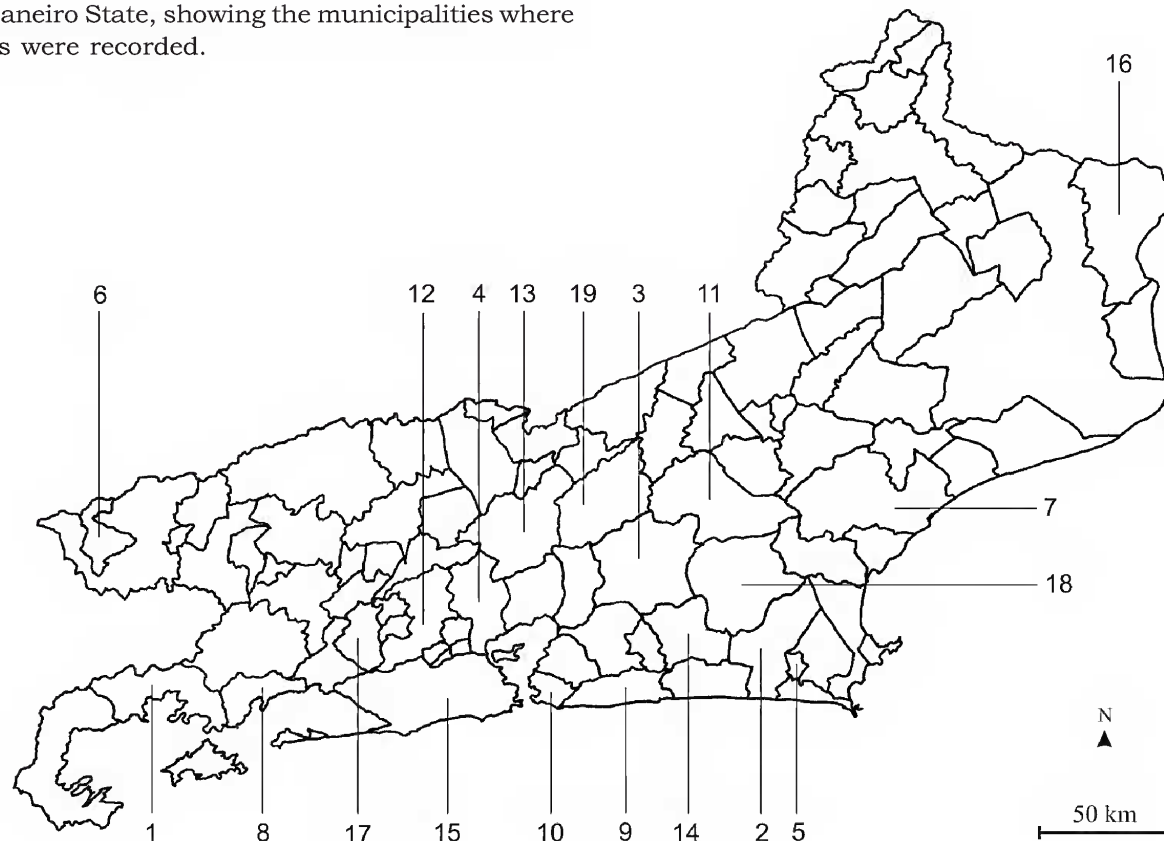
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Fig. 1- Rio de Janeiro State, showing the municipalities where sphecid wasps were recorded.



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|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Angra dos Reis      | 8. Mangaratiba    | 15. Rio de Janeiro              |
| 2. Araruama            | 9. Maricá         | 16. São Francisco de Itabapoana |
| 3. Cachoeira de Macacu | 10. Niterói       | 17. Seropédica                  |
| 4. Duque de Caxias     | 11. Nova Friburgo | 18. Silva Jardim                |
| 5. Iguaba Grande       | 12. Nova Iguaçu   | 19. Teresópolis                 |
| 6. Itatiaia            | 13. Petrópolis    |                                 |
| 7. Macaé               | 14. Rio Bonito    |                                 |

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